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Subject: Daly Ditches Irrigation District

Dear Mr. Laible, Mr. Stoker, Mr. Lake and Mr. Maclaren,

I am contacting you regarding Daly Ditches Irrigation District. Their Hedge Canal Diversion Dam, which serves the Hedge Canal, is ready to fail and they are lacking funding to replace the structure. This project is on the Governor's Stimulus List originally submitted to US Congress, however, they are only slated to receive \$100,000 stimulus funding through the DNRC. We are still short \$735,000 to make this project happen. When this diversion fails, 778 folks in the Bitterroot will be without irrigation water. This is a very important project and it is slipping through the cracks with the stimulus allocations. Will you please consider adding this project to HB 645 with a line item appropriation under the DNRC to award the \$735,000? I attached a project description for your use.

I cannot think of a better project to qualify for stimulus funding because of the imminent need and the number of people it affects; however, we are sliding through the cracks. I have almost 500 letters of support for this project from residents within the Bitterroot Valley.

I am available to answer questions. I am not a lobbyist but an engineer representing Daly Ditches.

Sincerely,

Molly Skorpik, PE

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